



4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one or more~~ corresponding invitee selection ~~criteria~~ criterion comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one or more~~ corresponding invitee selection ~~criteria~~ criterion comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

storing event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes ~~at least one or more~~ corresponding invitee selection ~~criteria~~ criterion;

storing member information ~~about~~ for each of a plurality of members, wherein each of the plurality of members has a corresponding electronic mailbox for receiving electronic communications for storage and later retrieval and wherein the member information for each of the plurality of members includes ~~at least one~~ or more member ~~preferences~~ preference;

determining, based on (a) matches between the member information and the ~~at least one or more~~ corresponding invitee selection ~~criteria~~ criterion for each of the plurality of events and (b) matches between the event information and the ~~at least one~~ or more member ~~preferences~~ preference for the respective members, which events each of the plurality of members should be invited to; and

sending invitations to the members based on results of the determining step, wherein the invitations are sent asynchronously via an electronic message to the electronic mailboxes ~~email~~ and at least one of the invitations invites its recipient to more than one of the events.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the determining step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the determining step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an area of practice.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.

13. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

14. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

Claims 15-18. (Canceled)